H. CON. RES. 322

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

July 11, 2000

Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the sacrifices of individuals who served in the Armed Forces of the former Republic of Vietnam.

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam fought together for the causes of freedom and democracy in the former Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas the Armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam suffered enormous casualties, including over 250,000 deaths and more than 750,000 wounded between 1961 and 1975 for the cause of freedom;

- Whereas many officers and enlisted personnel suffered imprisonment and forcible reeducation at the direction of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- Whereas on June 19 of each year, the Vietnamese American community traditionally commemorates those who gave their lives in the struggle to preserve the freedom of the former Republic of Vietnam;
- Whereas June 19 serves as a reminder to Vietnamese Americans that the ideals and values of democracy are precious and should be treasured; and
- Whereas the Vietnamese American community plays a critical role in raising international awareness of human rights concerns regarding the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
 - 2 concurring), That the Congress—
 - 3 (1) commends the sacrifices of those who served
 - 4 in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam;
 - 5 and
 - 6 (2) applauds the contributions of all individuals
 - 7 whose efforts have focused, and continue to focus,
 - 8 international attention on human rights violations in
 - 9 Vietnam.

Passed the House of Representatives July 10, 2000.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.